



THE GOVERNOR'S RESPONSE TO THE TERRORISM THREAT

This morning Governor Schwarzenegger called for the re-deployment of security assets to high priority locations in response to the terror plot involving inbound international flights. These assets include bomb sniffing dogs, the California National Guard and the California Highway Patrol. The Governor's top priority is the safety of Californians. He determined that today's severe threat level required these steps to ensure that the state is maintaining the highest level of security.

Office of Homeland Security

- OHS has provided regular advisories to all law enforcement agencies in California per incoming state and federal information on the threat.
- OHS notified 75 designated state agency Terrorism Liaison Officers to ensure that responses to local and regional needs will be coordinated.
- California's four Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Centers (RTTACs) have contacted major airport security directors statewide to advise them of the ongoing investigation and to share precautionary measures. RTTACs are also contacting airport security directors at commercial and smaller, regional airports statewide.
- The Governor authorized the use of Department of Homeland Security grant funds to cover the operational overtime expenses associated with additional law enforcement at California airports during this period of heightened alert.

California National Guard

- The Governor activated the California National Guard (CNG) to make an initial deployment of up to 300 troops available to state airports within the next 12 hours. The focus of this mission is on larger airports that receive direct international flights. At this point, LAX, SFO and Oakland International have been identified as airports where guard troops will be deployed. Administration officials are working with the federal government to determine if other airports will be included.
- CNG has fully staffed its emergency operations center.
- CNG has dispatched liaison officers to the state Office of Emergency Services (OES) to determine where CNG resources are most needed, and to keep OES advised of CNG progress.
- CNG has reviewed its response plan, which will provide assets and personnel to support civilian authorities.

California Highway Patrol

- Governor Schwarzenegger directed CHP Commissioner Mike Brown to deploy resources statewide to assist local authorities. The CHP will assist local law enforcement at commercial airports throughout California; this assistance may include passenger screening and airport security, use of CHP-trained bomb-sniffing dogs and employment of CHP aircraft.
- CHP has activated its headquarters' Emergency Operations Center, which is coordinating deployment requests and information/intelligence sharing with its eight field divisions.
- CHP will work with local, state and federal public safety partners to ensure that Californians remain safe while traveling.
- CHP remains at a high state of alert in its monitoring of the state's bridges, highways, state buildings, the California Aqueduct, the power grid and other infrastructure, and is maintaining increased security at truck inspection stations and ports statewide.

Office of Emergency Services

- The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is actively monitoring the terror threat, is regularly updating all state agencies, and stands ready to assist with coordination and deployment of state resources and personnel as needed.

- OES contacted all 58 county Office of Emergency Services and is providing them with updated information from state and federal homeland security offices. OES is also assessing what support or resources may be needed from the state.
- OES contacted all California law enforcement and fire agencies to provide them with information and assess if they need support from law or fire/rescue mutual aid programs.
- OES is ensuring that officials at every state agency are receiving all current information on the threat via the California State Warning Center.